

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

It is noted that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with U.S. patent practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

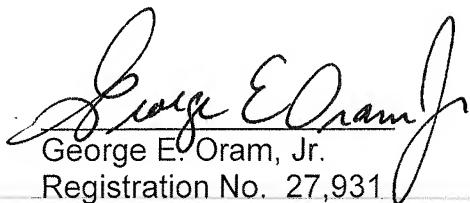
In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-5 were allowed. The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-5. By the foregoing amendment, previously withdrawn claims 6-7 have been canceled. Thus, allowed claims 1-5 are currently pending in the application, and therefore, the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 108421-00087.**

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